MR. JATRA NAIK (Minority Interest).—

Q.—63. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that as a result of repeated representations in the Assembly and petitions to them for the establishment of free boarding home for the Banajara community, they have been pleased to communicate through Government Order No. 7834—Edn. 462-29, dated 13th June 1930, that if private hostels are opened, grants will be given to them from Government ?

(*b*) Whether they are aware that as a result of that communication a Banajar hostel has been opened at Hiriyur and is working there ?

(*c*) Whether they are aware that represention have been made to them requesting a money grant to the hostel ?

(*d*) If so, what is the reason for not sanctioning the grant ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—63. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A grant of Rs. 50 from Government has since been sanctioned.

MR. DODDALINGA NAIK (Minority Interest).—

Q.—64. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) On what basis is a community styled as a "backward" community ?

(*b*) What is the number of students of backward communities who were studying in High Schools, Colleges and Middle Schools of the State during the last three years (information to be furnished castewar, and according to classes in which the students were studying) ?

(*c*) What is the number of scholarships that have been paid in the above named schools of the State (information to be furnished castewar and according to classes in which the students were studying) ?

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A.—64. (*a*) A community is styled backward if the number of literates in it is less than 5 per cent of the population of that community.